

Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
Students' Association of Red Deer Polytechnic  
2021-2022 Council Meeting  
Monday, January 24, 2022

Present:

Savannah Snow, President	Brenan Fuiten, VP External
Fellicity Arndt, Councillor	Erin Bast, Councillor
Laura Beaveridge, Councillor	Marian Canas, Councillor
Khushpreet Grewal, Councillor	Jasmeen Kaur, Councillor
Lovejeet Kaur, Councillor	Asmi Multani, Councillor
Kiara Welch, Councillor	Kindra Woodford, Councillor
Anne Marie Watson, Chairperson	Elizabeth Sweiger, Executive Director
Brittany Lausen, Secretary	

Absent:

Shannon Humphrey, VP Academic (on leave)    Yssabelle Timbol, Councillor (unexcused)

**10.0      Call to Order**

A. Watson calls meeting to order at 5:33pm

**10.1      Approval of Agenda**

S. Snow adds "Academic Restructure Presentation" under **10.5 Discussion**.

21-22-99-C

B. Fuiten, M. Canas

Motion: Approve Agenda as amended.

Carried.

**10.2      Land Acknowledgement – B. Fuiten**

Red Deer Polytechnic acknowledges that we learn and work on Treaty 7, Treaty 6 and Métis ancestral lands, the gathering place of many Indigenous peoples. This is where we will strive to honour and transform our relationships with one another.

**10.3      Guest: Kylie Thomas, Vice President Academic – Student Success Plan**

K. Thomas, Vice President Academic, Dr. M. Toews, Associate Vice President Academic Teaching, Learning, and Research, and R. Holt, Associate Vice President Academic Entrepreneurship came and shared information on the new Academic structure at Red Deer Polytechnic. The principles surrounding the realignment are sustainability, equity, flexibility, and revenue generation. The new school

structure includes four schools: School of Arts and Culture, School of Education and Trades, School of Community, Wellness and Health, and Donald School of Business, Science, and Technology. Alberta 2030 impacted Red Deer Polytechnic's transition into a Polytechnic. Alberta 2030's goals are: 1. Improve Access and Student Experience, 2. Develop Skills for Jobs, 3. Support Innovation and Commercialization, 4. Strengthen Internationalization, 5. Improve Sustainability and Affordability, 6. Strengthen System Governance. Polytechnic Status allows for more flexibility on offering apprenticeship programming and undergraduate degrees. Red Deer Polytechnic has three research centers, the Research Common, Centre for Innovation in Manufacturing, and Energy Innovation Research Centre. These research centres will be able to be used by students, faculty, and community on research or innovation projects.

#### **10.4 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

##### **10.4.1 Approval of 2021-2022 Council Meeting Minutes #9**

21-22-100-C

L. Beaveridge, E. Bast

Motion: Approve 2021-2022 Council Meeting Minutes #9 as presented.  
Carried.

##### **10.4.2 Approval of Executive Council Meeting Minutes #33**

21-22-101-C

B. Fuiten, M. Canas

Motion: Approve Executive Council Meeting Minutes #33 as presented.  
Carried.

#### **10.5 Discussion**

##### **10.5.1 Academic Restructure Presentation**

Council had some concerns with the Academic restructure and the presentation that was presented by the Senior Administration. K. Thomas stated that the new structure allows for more opportunity to expand advising. This was confusing as the Executives and Council has received multiple complaints about the lack of advising available at the institution.

#### **10.6 New Business**

##### **10.6.1 Council Resignation**

21-22-102-C

K. Woodford, E. Bast

Motion: Accept S. Conde resignation from 2021-2022 Council.  
Carried.

**10.7 Old Business**

**10.8 Executive Council, Council Committee and Other Reports**

**10.8.1 Executive Council and Committee Reports**

**President – Savannah Snow**

S. Snow is presenting to the President's Executive Council for Print on Demand Services on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Executive Council will meet with J. Brinkhurst and his team for the last tuition meeting on Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup>. Bell Let's Talk Flag Raising is happening Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Main Door Flag Poles. The library is open for in-person bookings. The Institution is moving forward with in-person convocation. The Institution is also looking at doing a convocation for the class of 2020 and 2021 as they were online the past two years. S. Snow and B. Fuiten met the new Vice President External, Richard Longtin, and shared information about the Students' Association.

**VP External – Brenan Fuiten**

B. Fuiten met with Dr. K. Robinson, and the Student Housing Project Committee. They are looking at the feasibility to have 2 student researchers. Community Power of One Conference hosted by C.A.R.E (Central Alberta Refugee Effort) to reduce racism in the workplace is starting this week. Council will begin doing a Land Acknowledgement at the start of every Council Meeting. The Student Appeal dates will now be included on the Academic Calendar.

**10.8.2 Operations Report – Liz Sweiger**

Cultural Activities Trust Fund has received three applications. M. Evangelista will be reaching out to schedule that meeting and find Councillors who are available to attend. BARC will meet on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm to discuss bylaw and policy changes. The Lift and Farside will continue to remain open as a service to students.

21-22-103-C

K. Woodford, M. Canas

Motion: Accept Executive Council, Committee, and Operations Report as presented.

Carried.

**10.9 Information**

**10.9.1 Financial Update – December 31, 2021**

**10.9.2 Students' Association Official response to RDP Online Learning Announcement**

21-22-104-C

B. Fuiten, K. Welch

Motion: Accept Information items as presented.

Carried.

**10.9 Adjournment**

21-22-105-C

S. Snow, B. Fuiten

Motion: To adjourn at 7:27pm

Carried.



Savannah Snow

President



Elizabeth Sweiger

Executive Director



Anne Marie Watson

Chairperson



Brittany Lausen

Secretary